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The Staffordshire UNDERHILLS  
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# EXPLANATION.

This Pedigree, from William of Wolverhampton, temp. 1423 to Thos., born about 1517, is founded on a Pedigree approved by R. Cook's "Heraldum Cestriensem in visitatione apud Vercicum, 10th July, 1564" (see Dugdale's Hist. of Warwickshire, Vol. 1, p. 625), as corrected by the late Evelyn Shirley, Esq., an Antiquary of great repute, and published by him in Vol. 6 of the Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica. From there, down to and including Thomas Underhill, baptized 1663, Mr Shirley is my principal authority, but I have omitted some immaterial details, with regard to which, from researches in ancient Chancery Proceedings, fines, recoveries, Royalist composition papers, and other documents preserved in the Record Office, I am of opinion that he has fallen into error. From and including the said Thomas Underhill, my authorities consist of Family Records and Bibles, the Parish Registers at Sedgley, and information supplied to me by various members of the family, to all and each of whom my thanks are due. In short, the only point on which there is any reasonable doubt, is whether Thos. Underhill, who was baptized at Alderminster in 1663, is the same Thos. Underhill who was married to Eliz. Perrins at Sedgley in 1687, and who was undoubtedly and clearly our Ancestor. My reasons for believing them to be identical are as follows:— (1) A persistent tradition in the family traceable a long way back, that a branch of the Eatington family settled at Gornal, and constituted our Ancestors. (2) The fact that for at least a century, the descendants of our Ancestors have certainly used the arms of the Eatington Underhills (the Rev. John of Liverpool used them along with his wife's (Miss Green) *per pale* in the beginning of the present century). At that date it was very unusual to usurp arms. Moreover, a usurper would almost certainly have adopted the *red* chevron of Sir Hercules, the great man of the family, and a Wolverhampton landowner. (3) The fact that Thomas (bapt. 1663) exactly fills, in point of time, the place allotted to him in the above Pedigree. (4) The fact that if he is *not* the connecting link with Eatington, no other seems to me (after considerable research) possible. (5) That the Sedgley Registers contain no entry of the

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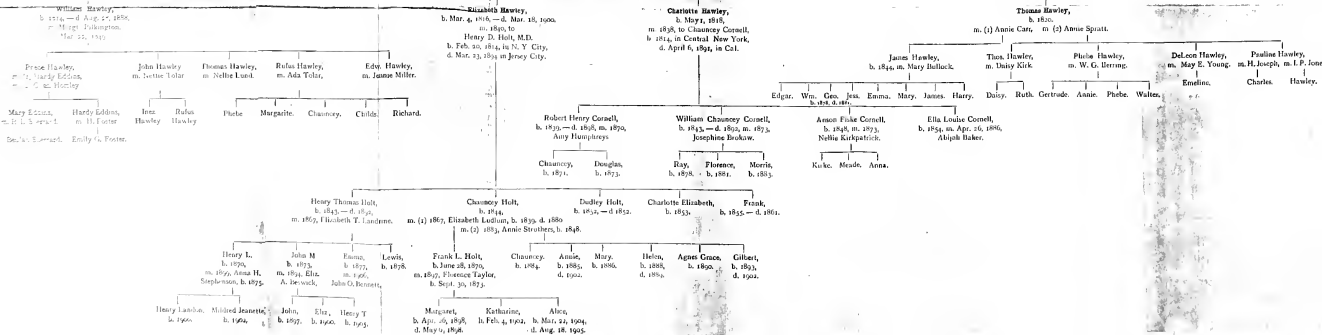
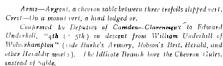
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WILLIAM UNDERHILL,  
of Woburnington, America,  
b. 1725, m. -Shirley of Norwich

Nathaniel Underhill,  
m. - Brit.

John Underhill,  
about 1759, m. Anne, dau and heiress of  
Thomas Porter of Radcliff.

Edward Underhill,  
bapt. 1759, purchased of Mass of Eastington 1759,  
d. 1797, m. Mary, Middlesex.

Thomas Underhill,  
of Eastington, b. 1764, 1772, d. 1792, m. Mary, of the latter Temple  
of Boston. He is mentioned in "The Village Worthies."

Edward Underhill,  
of New York, b. 1764, 1772, d. 1792, m. Mary, of the latter Temple  
of Boston. He is mentioned in "The Village Worthies."

Wm. U.,  
b. 1754, d. 1797, m. Catherine, m. to  
Shakespeare, m. 1792. (See letter in "The New York Times," Aug. 27, 1896.)

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EXPANDED.

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This, born about 1725, is founded on a Pedigree supplied by R. Gray's  
"Hudson's Continent in Visitation and Verities," 1849, 1851, (see  
Engines) Hist. of Woburnshire, Vol. 4, p. 1515, as corrected by the late  
George Shirley, Esq., an Antiquary of great repute, and published by him in  
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of the family, in all and each of whom, my doubts are due. In short, the only  
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was baptised at Aldenham in 1765, is the same. That Underhill who was  
married to Elizabeth Perrett at Sedgely in 1767, and who was undoubtedly and  
truly my Ancestor. My reasons for believing this to be identical are as  
follows: (1) The present tradition in the family traces a long way back,  
that a branch of the Underhills having settled at Gonal, and constituted our  
Ancestors. (2) The fact that for at least a century, the descendants of our  
Ancestors have certainly not the name of the Underhills (the late  
John of Liverpool came there along with his wife, Elizabeth, perrett, in the  
beginning of the present century). At that time it was very common to marry  
names. Moreover, a younger would almost certainly have adopted the name and  
children of Sir Hercules, the great name of the family and a Woburnshire landowner.  
(3) The fact that Thomas (bapt. 1767) recently died, in possession of the  
place allotted to him in the above Pedigree. (4) The fact that it is not  
conceivable that with Englishmen, any other means to not later considerable  
Ancestors possible. (5) That the highest Register contains no entry of the  
baptism of the Thomas, although they contain the entries of his marriage  
and of the baptism of his children, from which I gather that he was not a native  
of Gonal. (6) The fact that I cannot find any other explanation of where our  
Thomas came from. (7) The fact that the Underhills are unable to say what  
became of his Thomas (bapt. 1767), which shows that he left Woburnshire. (8)  
The extraordinary use of the name John and Thomas, both among the un-  
doubted Underhills and the included Gonalites, whereas they scarcely  
occur at all in the latter family. (9) The fact that the last entry by the latter  
half of the 18th century (1767) until the Underhills (who were  
Parsons) had become, after the Restoration, greatly reduced in importance and  
estate the occupation of a low class of the Underhills (bapt. 1767),  
and the inclusion of at least one of the names (Mr. Henry) of the Underhills  
Thomas, long of the same class as that of the Underhills mentioned above.  
As Mr. Shirley put it, "beyond the end of the 18th century, the Underhills, who  
in the 18th century continued to reside in the first families of Woburnshire,  
were dispersed into other countries." The latter branch, who were probably  
true Gonalites, (see previous Paper) in Ancestral Order, should have either  
been descended from such early Gonalite.

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